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SIOUX FALLS AIR SHOW “POWER ON THE PRAIRIE”

The Sioux Falls Air Show—Power on the Prairie” is just a week away. The line-up for the show includes: USAF Thunderbirds, South Dakota Air Guard, F-16 Viper Demo, Kent Pietsch, Melissa Burns, Skip Stewart, Special Operations Command (Para-Commandos), Warbirds C-47 (That’s All Brother), USMC MV-22 Osprey demonstration team, Vanguard Squadron, B-25 “Show Me” (CAF Missouri Wing), and the US Air Force Heritage Flight.

The two-day event promises to be a lot of fun and excitement—kids zone, food vendors, static aircraft displays, simulators, exhibits, and more.

Staff from the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs and the South Dakota Veterans Cemetery will be manning a booth during the two-day show. Other vendors and activities can be found at: <https://www.siouxfallsairshow.com/activities>.

Information on FAQs, sponsors, parking, maps, can be found at: <https://www.siouxfallsairshow.com/>.

Gates open at 8:30 am, with performances running from 11:00 am—4:00 pm (CT).

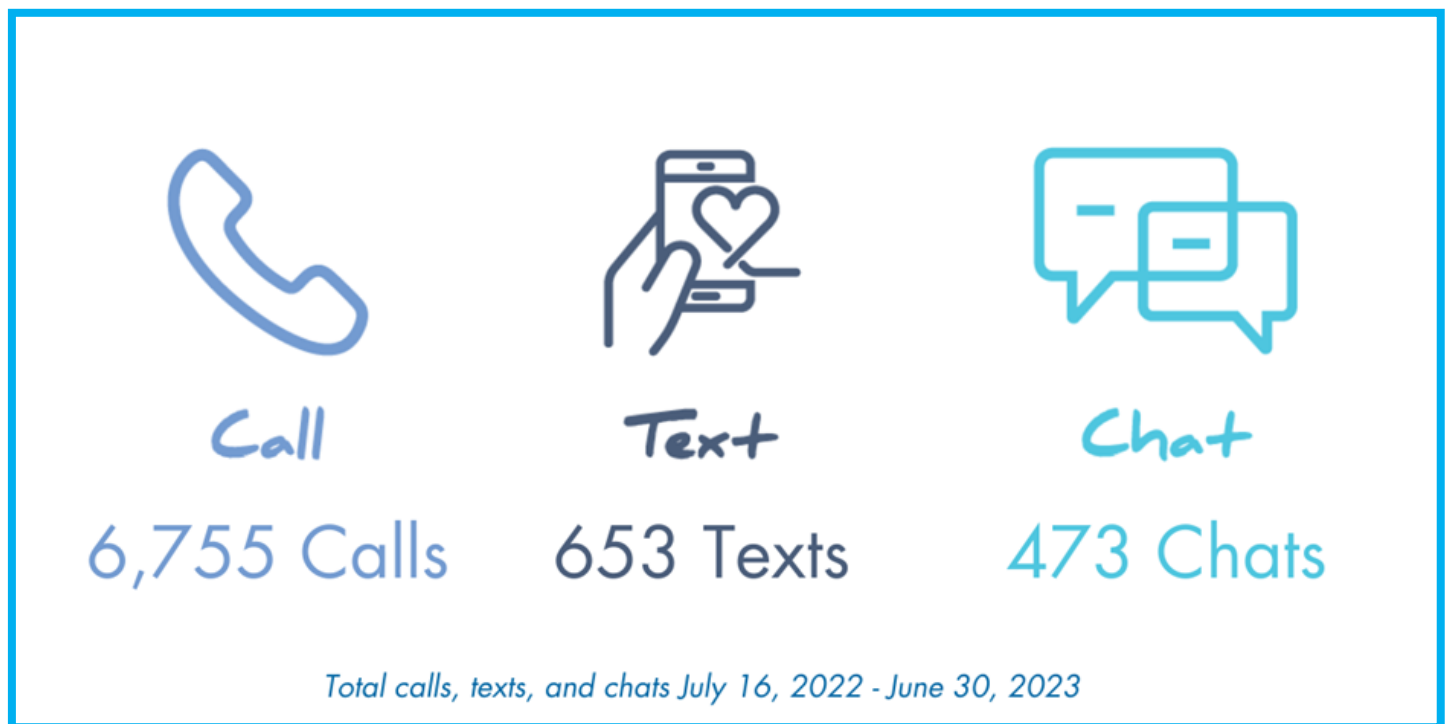


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988 CELEBRATING FIRST ANNIVERSARY

It's been one year! 365 days of 988, worthy of a celebration! On July 16, 2022, South Dakota joined the rest of the United States in beginning to use the 988-dialing code. Since then, their mental health counselors have supported 7,881 individuals. People who need help and hope with relationship issues, stress, anxiety, depression, substance use concerns and suicidal thoughts. Below is a breakdown of the number of calls, texts and chats their 988 staff responded to.



988 is answered by the Helpline Center and staffed by individuals with advanced degrees and experience in behavioral health. In South Dakota, 988 is a partnership between the SD Department of Social Services, the Division of Behavioral Health and the Helpline Center. DSS has provided the planning support, development of the 988 plan and funding.

Through great partnerships with entities such as 911 call centers, Community Mental Health Centers, psychiatric hospitals, individuals with lived experience, law enforcement, substance use disorder treatment agencies and a host of many more stakeholders, they have continued to serve our communities with help and hope.

STATE VETERANS HOME UPDATE



Too often we underestimate the power of a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, or the smallest act of caring. The smile in this picture demonstrates the value of this simple act of caring!

A big shout out to the South Dakota National Guard Kids Camp participants for including a trip to the Michael J. Fitzmaurice State Veterans Home as part of their program this summer. It's evident that our residents sure enjoyed this special visit.

It's been said that the simple act of caring is heroic. Thanks for being heroes to our heroes!





POWER ON THE PRAIRIE

**July
29 & 30
2023**



★ **FREE ADMISSION** ★

SHOW HOURS 11:00AM - 4:00PM | **GATES OPEN** 8:30AM - 5:00PM

SiouxFallsAirshow.com

FEATURING

USAF Thunderbirds
South Dakota Air National Guard
F-16 Viper Demo
Kent Pietsch & The Jelly Belly Airplane
Melissa Burns
Skip Stewart
Special Operations Command Para-Commandos

Warbirds C-47 "That's All Brother"
USMC MV-22 Osprey Demonstration Team
Vanguard Squadron
B-25 "Show Me" CAF Missouri Wing
TBM Avenger CAF Missouri Wing
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6 PM - 9 PM



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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
4PM-9PM

10%
DONATION NIGHT
for **Midwest Honor Flight.**
Present this flyer at Sioux Falls or
Sioux City Texas Roadhouse and
they will donate 10% of your
total food purchases to
Midwest Honor Flight.



Put this one on the calendar!!!!!!

No cooking!

No cleaning!

No dishes!!!!

YOUR STORY MATTERS.

Your story could help someone survive.

"I've had to become resilient and persevere through people trying to tear me down."

—Gabe, 24, Yankton



"I decided that I woke up for a reason, and I needed to figure that out."

—Jocelyn, 25, Sioux Falls



"My tantrums and threats of self-harm were a call for help."

—Lena, 30, Sioux Falls



"Only with a wide and deep support network did I realize my spinal cord injury was something I could and would overcome."

—Billie, 33, Burke



Read the rest of these stories
and 26 more from 2022 at 30stories.org.

Consider being part of the 30 Days, 30 Stories project.

Each year during National Suicide Prevention Month (September), 30 young South Dakotans step up to tell their stories. By being open about their struggles with mental health and how they have found ways to move forward, they inspire others to seek help and find hope.

We are recruiting storytellers through July for the 2023 project. Are you willing to share your story to help others?

To learn more, go to 30stories.org or email Melissa Renes at mrenes@resilienttoday.org.

If you are ready to share your story (or just want to view the questions), scan the code to view the form.



30 DAYS, 30 STORIES is a project of **LOST & FOUND™**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Jul 22—1st Annual Wings of Valor Poker Run—Wings of Valor—(45618 278th Street)—Parker—11:00 am (CT)
Jul 22—SD American Legion State President's Homecoming—Gregory American Legion Post—(223 Main Street)—Gregory—11:30 am (CT)
Jul 22—SD American Legion Commander's Homecoming—Chester Community Center—(401 4th Street)—Chester—2:30 pm (CT)
Jul 28-29—"Last Out" production—SD Military Heritage Alliance—(1600 W. Russell Street)—Sioux Falls
Jul 29-30—Sioux Falls Air Show
Jul 29—Korean War/Defense Veterans Appreciation Day—Brookings County Outdoor Adventure Center—(2810 22nd Avenue S)—Brookings—9:00 am to 3:00 pm (CT)
Aug 6—American Legion Riders Post 71 Annual Fall River Freedom Ride—Begins at Michael J. Fitzmaurice State Veterans Home—(2500 Minnekahta Avenue)—Hot Springs—9:00 am (MT)
Aug 8—VA PACT Act Benefits and Healthcare Drive—Armory at the SD Military Heritage Alliance—(1700 W. Russell Street)—Sioux Falls—11:00 am to 1:30 pm and 4:00 to 6:30 pm (CT)
Aug 10-11—South Dakota Suicide Prevention Conference—Sioux Falls Convention Center
Aug 15—2nd Annual American Legion Auxiliary Unity 15 "Chip in for Vets" Golf Tournament—Elmwood Golf Course—(2604 W. Russell Street)—Sioux Falls—Shotgun Start at 9:00 am (CT)
Aug 19—SFVAHCS Show and Shine
Aug 26—SD Fallen Hero Bridge Dedication—LTC Gordon J. Lippman—St. Rose of Lima Community Hall—(305 Pine Street)—Hill City—2:00 pm (MT)
Aug 27—SD Fallen Hero Bridge Dedication—SP5 John P. Beckers—VFW (Main Street)—Burke—2:00 pm (CT)
Aug 28—Barrel House Day of Giving for Midwest Honor Flight
Aug 31—Veterans Day at the SD State Fair
Aug 31—Sept 4—SD State Fair
Sep 2—727th/DAV Poker Run—Dacotah Bank Center—(824 32nd Avenue)—Brookings—10:00 am (CT)
Sep 4—State Offices Closed
Sep 5—7—SDDVA Annual Benefit School—SD Military Heritage Alliance—(1600 W. Russell Street)—Sioux Falls
Sep 8-10—PVA North Central Chapter Trapshoot—Crooks Gun Club
Sep 13-16—Black Hills Veterans March and Marathon
Sep 16—SD Fallen Hero Bridge Dedication—LT Peter H. Monfore—Community Hall—(605 8th Street)—Springfield—2:00 pm (CT)
Sep 18—Texas Roadhouse Midwest Honor Flight Fundraiser—(Sioux Falls and Sioux City)—4:00 pm—9:00 pm (CT)
Sep 20—South Dakota Veterans Council Meeting—Rapid City—9:00 am (MT)
Sep 26—Midwest Honor Flight—Mission 16
Oct 7—SD Fallen Hero Bridge Dedication—WO1 Roger S. Cameron—Community Building—(311 W. Main)—Pierpont—1:30 pm (CT)
Oct 7—DAV Fall Conference—DAV Headquarters—Sioux Falls
Oct 9—State Offices Closed
Oct 10—Midwest Honor Flight—Mission 17
Oct 14—SD Fallen Hero Bridge Dedication—1LT Thomas M. Martin—Military Heritage Alliance—(1600 W. Russell Street)—Sioux Falls—10:00 am (CT)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 21—Elvis Night/50's Dance Midwest Honor Flight Fundraiser—SD Military Heritage Alliance—(1600 W. Russell Street)—Sioux Falls
Nov 4—Northern Hills Veterans Appreciation Fair—Sturgis Community Center—11:00 am—2:00 pm (MT)
Nov 10—State Offices Closed
Nov 13—Barrel House Day of Giving for SDVC Wreaths Across America
Nov 15—South Dakota Veterans Council Meeting—DAV Headquarters—(1519 W. 51st Street)—Sioux Falls—9:00 am (CT)
Nov 15—South Dakota Veterans Council Legislative Round Table—Sioux Falls
Nov 16—South Dakota Veterans Council Legislative Round Table—Northeast
Nov 17—South Dakota Veterans Council Legislative Round Table—Central
Nov 17—MINGO (Music Bingo) Fundraiser for Midwest Honor Flight—Severance Brewing Co.—(701 N. Phillips Avenue—Suite 110)—Sioux Falls—6:00–9:00 pm (CT)
Nov 18—South Dakota Veterans Council Legislative Round Table—West River
Nov 23—State Offices Closed
Dec 16—Wreaths Across America Wreath Laying Ceremony at South Dakota Veterans Cemetery—Sioux Falls—11:00 am (CT)
Dec 25—State Offices Closed

2024 Events

Jan 10—South Dakota Veterans Council Meeting—American Legion Post 8—(520 S. Pierre Street)—Pierre—2:00 pm (CT)
Jan 10—SDDVA and South Dakota Veterans Council Legislative Reception—American Legion Post 8—(520 S. Pierre Street)—Pierre— 5:30 pm (CT)
Feb 16—18—American Legion Mid-Winter Conference—Deadwood
Jun 20—23—American Legion State Conference—Pierre
Dec 14—Wreaths Across America Wreath Laying Ceremony at South Dakota Veterans Cemetery—Sioux Falls—11:00 am (CT)

2025 Events

Feb 14—16—American Legion Mid-Winter Conference—Oacoma
Jun 19—22—American Legion State Conference—Huron
Dec 13—Wreaths Across America Wreath Laying Ceremony at South Dakota Veterans Cemetery—Sioux Falls—11:00 am (CT)

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